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In re Application of: Burns et al.

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Title: *A Producer/Consumer Locking System for Efficient Replication of File Data*PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR INTERVIEW PURPOSES ONLY

MS Non-Fee Amendment
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Sir:

As per our telephone conversation, please find in the attached Appendix a copy of the proposed amendment that should aid you in the prosecution of this case. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 838-7683.

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